

Dear Fifth Grade Band Parents,

March is Music In Our Schools Month. In honor of this celebration, the Rapid City East Side Bands will hold our 23<sup>rd</sup> annual East Side Young Bands Concert on **Monday, March 26, 2012** beginning at 6:30 PM in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Theatre. Tickets will be sold **ONLY** via an order form which will be sent home later with your child. **No tickets will be sold at the door!** (\$5 Adults/ \$3 Students and Children 0-18) Make checks payable to: **ESYB**

To help fifth grade prepare for the big event, we will be holding 45-minute rehearsals running from 3:45 PM until 4:30 PM on the following Mondays in March:    March 5, 2011                      March 12, 2011                      March 19, 2011

The purpose of these rehearsals is to:



- 1) Introduce the students to each other.
- 2) Help students know where they will sit.
- 3) Help students understand how their part fits within a full-size band. Together, there are almost 160 members.
- 4) Allow students to experience the directing techniques of a different director.
- 5) Allow directors to evaluate rehearsal needs for practice in the upcoming week.

This concert allows students, families and community the opportunity to support all of the hard work your children have invested over the last few months. Their accomplishments are to be celebrated and honored by allowing them the opportunity to perform on one of South Dakota's premiere performance venues (a venue where countless world class acts have also performed).

An event of this nature takes a lot of extra work. If you are able to volunteer in any way, please fill out the form below and return to your child's school as soon as possible so arrangements can be coordinated among the 11 schools and that we may contact you with information regarding the jobs you have been assigned.

Thank you for supporting your children's venture into the field of music. It is one that will truly be beneficial in ways that have not yet been discovered by the students.

Sincerely,

Shane Bradford

Director of Bands

NMS, General Beadle Elementary, Horace Mann Elementary, and Knollwood Heights Elementary

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to volunteer for the following:

_____ Audience Chaperone (Concert Night)	We need at least 8
_____ Backstage Chaperone (Concert Night)	We need at least 6
_____ Ticket Collection (Concert Night – 5:45-6:30)	We need at least 8
_____ Program Distribution (Concert Night)	We need at least 10

Please contact me by (email) [shane.bradford@k12.sd.us](mailto:shane.bradford@k12.sd.us) if you would like to volunteer!